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SUBJECT: SOMALI PIRACY: CROATIA STILL REVIEWING PROPOSED
RESOLUTION

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(SBU) On December 12, Poloff presented reftel demarche regarding the draft UNSC resolution on Somali piracy to Vesna Vukovic, head of the MFA's UN office. Vukovic said that Croatia supported the new resolution to combat the rise of piracy off the coast of Somalia, and they were still reviewing the provisions regarding the use of force against pirates on land. She took note of our position and said that she would forward the U.S. views regarding the need for a robust resolution to her colleagues in New York for consideration. She also indicated that Croatia is considering participating in the EU's European Security and Defense Policy counter-piracy operation. (NOTE: We believe this means by contributing one or two personnel to the mission. END NOTE.)

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